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Four People Charged with Methamphetamine Conspiracy

Rock Island, IL- The United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Rodger A. Heaton, announced that a federal grand jury has charged four men with participating in a methamphetamine manufacturing conspiracy in an indictment returned June 22, 2006.

The indictment charges Seth Arron Cox, age 25, of 511 Pleasant Street, Kewanee, Illinois, William Scott Borg, age 34, of 823 Elmwood Street, Kewanee, Illinois, Jason Edward Dykeman, age 27, of 210 North Peoria Street, Bradford, Illinois, and Derrick J. Kenny, age 22, of 201 East Washington Street, Wyoming, Illinois, with conspiring to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The indictment alleges the four conspired together and with others, from March 2003 to about July 2005, to manufacture methamphetamine. The indictment was unsealed this afternoon when Cox, Borg, and Dykeman made their initial appearance in federal court in Rock Island.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Illinois State Police's Blackhawk Area Task Force, Bureau County Sheriff's Department, Henry County Sheriff's Department, Stark County Sheriff's Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Darrow.

If convicted, the offenses of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and manufacture of methamphetamine each carry a statutory penalty of 10 years to life in prison. However, if the defendant has a prior felony drug conviction, the penalty increases to 20 years to life imprisonment.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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